

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 with the following new paragraph:

-- This application claims benefit of provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/436,996 filed on December 31, 2002 and provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/470,204 filed on May 14, 2003. The contents of these provisional applications are incorporated by reference herein. This application also incorporates by reference the subject matter in pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/748,680, filed on December 31, 2003 entitled "Recoverable Biometric Identity System and Method" (Attorney Docket No. IQB-0015), pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/748,438, filed on December 31, 2003 entitled "System and Method for Performing Security Access Control Based on Modified Biometric Data" (Attorney Docket No. IQB-0021), and pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/748,743, filed on December 31, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Performing Personal Identification Based on Biometric Data Recovered Using Surface Acoustic Waves" (Attorney Docket No. IQB-0022).--